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# RANDOM COVERS OF FINITE HOMOGENEOUS LATTICES

We develop and extend some results for the scheme of independent random elements distributed on a finite lattice. In particular, we introduce the concept of the cover of a homogeneous lattice  $L_n$  of rank n and derive the exact equations and estimations for the number of covers with a given number of blocks and for the total covers number of the lattice  $L_n$ . A theorem about the asymptotic normality of the blocks number in a random equiprobable cover of the lattice  $L_n$  is proved. The concept of the cover index of the lattice  $L_n$ , that extend the notion of the cover index of a finite set by its independent random subsets, is introduced. Applying the lattice moments method, the limit distribution as  $n \to \infty$  for the cover index of a subspace lattice of the *n*-dimensional vector space over a finite field is determined.

#### 1. BASIC NOTIONS AND PRELIMINARY RESULTS

In this paper, we use notions and results from [1, 2]. We refer also to [3, 4] for the terminology and detailed exposition of finite lattices theory.

Let  $L = \{L_n : n = 0, 1, ...\}$  be a sequence of finite lattices. Denote the Moebius function, the maximal and minimal elements of the lattice  $L_n$  by  $\mu_n, 1_n$ , and  $0_n$  respectively. We assume that the sequence L satisfies the following homogeneity conditions (see [4]):

(a)  $L_n$  is a graduate lattice with rank function r, where  $r(1_n) = n$  for any n = 0, 1, ...; (b) for any  $X \in L_n$  such that  $r(X) = n - k, k \in \overline{0, n}$ , the interval  $[X, 1_n]$  is isomorphic to the lattice  $L_k$ .

Let

(1) 
$$w(n,k) = \sum_{a \in L_n: r(a) = k} \mu_n(0_n, a), \ W(n,k) = \sum_{a \in L_n: r(a) = k} 1,$$

where  $k \in \overline{0, n}, n = 0, 1, ...; w(n, k) = W(n, k) = 0$  otherwise. The numbers w(n, k) and W(n, k) are called the k-th level numbers of the lattice  $L_n$  of the first kind and of the second kind respectively [3, 4].

By  $\chi_n(z)$ , we denote the characteristic polynomial of the lattice  $L_n$ ,

(2) 
$$\chi_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n w(n, n-k) z^k, \ n = 0, 1, \dots$$

In what follows, we assume that there exists a sequence of real numbers  $a_i \ge 1$  (i = 1, 2, ...) such that

(3) 
$$\chi_n(z) = \prod_{i=1}^n (z - a_i), \ n = 1, 2, \dots, \ \chi_0(z) \equiv 1.$$

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Note that condition (3) holds for the characteristic polynomial of any finite supersolvable geometric lattice (see [4, 5]).

We consider the following most important examples of homogeneous lattices which satisfy condition (3). Other examples can be found in [3, 4, 5].

1.  $L_n = B(n)$ , where B(n) is the set of all subsets of  $N_n = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ . The rank function, level numbers, and characteristic polynomial of the lattice B(n) are equal, respectively, to r(X) = #X (where #X denotes the cardinality of a set  $X \in B(n)$ ),

$$w(n,k) = (-1)^k \binom{n}{k}, \ W(n,k) = \binom{n}{k}, \ \chi_n(z) = (z-1)^n, \ k \in \overline{0,n}, \ n = 0, 1, \dots$$

2.  $L_n = L(n,q)$  is a subspace lattice of the *n*-dimensional vector space V(n,q) over a field with q elements. In this case, the rank r(X) of a subspace  $X \in L_n$  is equal to the dimension of X,

$$w(n,k) = (-1)^k q^{\binom{k}{2}} {n \brack k}_q, \ W(n,k) = {n \brack k}_q, \ \chi_n(z) = \prod_{i=1}^n (z - q^{i-1}),$$

where

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q = \frac{(q^{-1})_n}{(q^{-1})_k (q^{-1})_{n-k}} q^{k(n-k)}$$

is the Gauss coefficient (the number of k-dimensional subspaces of the vector space  $V(n,q), k \in \overline{0,n}$ ),  $(q^{-1})_n = (1-q^{-1})(1-q^{-2})\dots(1-q^{-n})$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ .

3.  $L_n = \Re(n+1)$  is the lattice of all partitions of the set  $N_{n+1} = \{1, 2, \ldots, n+1\}$ . The rank of a partition  $\pi \in \Re(n+1)$  is equal to  $r(\pi) = n+1-b(\pi)$ , where  $b(\pi)$  is the number of blocks in  $\pi$ . The level numbers and the characteristic polynomial of the lattice  $\Re(n+1)$  are, respectively, equal to

$$w(n,k) = s(n+1, n+1-k), W(n,k) = S(n+1, n+1-k), \ \chi_n(z) = \prod_{i=1}^n (z-i),$$

where  $k \in \overline{0, n}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, ..., s(\cdot, \cdot)$  and  $S(\cdot, \cdot)$  are Stirling numbers of the first kind and of the second kind, respectively.

Let's consider a sequence of random variables  $\xi_0, \xi_1, \ldots$ , where  $\xi_n$  takes values in the set  $\{0, 1, \ldots, n\}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \ldots$ . Let  $p_{n,k} = \mathbf{P}\{\xi_n = k\}$ ,  $B_{n,k} = \mathbf{E}W(\xi_n, \xi_n - k)$ ,  $k \in \overline{0, n}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \ldots$ . We call  $B_{n,k}$  the k-th lattice moment of the random variable  $\xi_n$  [2]. The following statement was proved in [2].

**Statement 1.** Let L be a sequence of finite homogeneous lattices with the level numbers (1) and the characteristic polynomials (2) that satisfies condition (3). Then

1. We have the following mutually inverse relations:

(4) 
$$B_{n,l} = \sum_{k=l}^{n} p_{n,k} W(k,k-l), \ p_{n,l} = \sum_{k=l}^{n} B_{n,k} w(k,k-l), \ l \in \overline{0,n}, \ n = 0, 1, \dots$$

2. For the generating function of the random variable  $\xi_n$ , the following equalities hold:

$$p_n(z) = \sum_{l=0}^n p_{n,l} z^l = \sum_{k=0}^n B_{n,k} \chi_k(z), \ n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

(5) 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{2\nu+1} B_{n,k}\chi_k(z) \le p_n(z) \le \sum_{k=0}^{2\nu} B_{n,k}\chi_k(z), \ z \in [0,1],$$

where  $\nu = 0, 1, ...$ 

Assuming that z = 0 in (5), we obtain the following inequalities:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2\nu+1} B_{n,k} w(k,k) \le p_{n,0} \le \sum_{k=0}^{2\nu} B_{n,k} w(k,k), \ \nu = 0, 1, \dots,$$

and, for  $\nu = 0$ ,

$$1 - B_{n,1} \le p_{n,0} \le 1.$$

## 2. Random covers of the lattice $L_n$

By  $\Lambda_{n,T}$ , we denote the collection of all sets  $X = \{X_1, \ldots, X_T\}$  such that  $X_1 \ldots X_T$  are different non-zero elements of the lattice  $L_n$ . Let's assign the equiprobable distribution to the  $\Lambda_{n,T}$ , assuming that

(7) 
$$p(X) = {\binom{\lambda_n - 1}{T}}^{-1}, \ X = \{X_1, \dots, X_T\} \in \Lambda_{n,T},$$

where  $\lambda_n = \#L_n$ . Put

(8) 
$$\lambda_n(Y) = \#[0_n, Y], \ Y \in L_n,$$

(9) 
$$\lambda^{(n-1)} = \max\{\lambda_n(Y) : Y \in L_n, r(Y) = n-1\}, n = 0, 1, \dots$$

**Definition 1.** A set  $X = \{X_1, \ldots, X_T\} \in \Lambda_{n,T}$  will be called a *T*-block cover of the lattice  $L_n$  (and its elements be called blocks of the cover X), if  $X_1 \vee \ldots \vee X_T = 1_n$ .

By  $r_{n,T} = n - r(X_1 \vee \ldots \vee X_T)$ , we denote the random variable equal to the co-rank of the join of  $X_1, \ldots, X_T$ , where  $X = \{X_1, \ldots, X_T\}$  is a random element distributed according to (7). Let's denote

$$p_{n,l}^{(T)} = \mathbf{P}\{r_{n,T} = l\}, \ B_{n,l}^{(T)} = \mathbf{E}W(r_{n,T}, r_{n,T} - l), \ l \in \overline{0, n}, n = 0, 1, \dots$$

We denote the *T*-block cover number and the total block cover number of the lattice  $L_n$  by  $D_{n,T}$  and  $D_n = \sum_{T=1}^{\lambda_n - 1} D_{n,T}$ , respectively. For the case  $L_n = B(n)$ , exact formulas and estimations of the numbers  $D_{n,T}$ ,  $D_n$  are

obtained in [6, p. 269]. The following statement extends these results.

Statement 2. The following relations hold:

(10) 
$$D_{n,T} = {\binom{\lambda_n - 1}{T}} \sum_{k=0}^n B_{n,k}^{(T)} w(k,k), \ D_n = \sum_{k=0}^n w(k,k) \sum_{T=1}^{\lambda_n - 1} {\binom{\lambda_n - 1}{T}} B_{n,k}^{(T)},$$

(11) 
$$\binom{\lambda_n - 1}{T} - B_{n,1}^{(T)} \binom{\lambda_n - 1}{T} \le D_{n,T} \le \binom{\lambda_n - 1}{T},$$

(12) 
$$2^{\lambda_n - 1} - 1 - \sum_{T=1}^{\lambda_n - 1} {\lambda_n - 1 \choose T} B_{n,1}^{(T)} \le D_{n,T} \le 2^{\lambda_n - 1} - 1.$$

As this takes place, the following equation holds for any  $l \in \overline{0, n}$ ,  $T \in \overline{1, \lambda_n - 1}$ :

(13) 
$$B_{n,l}^{(T)} = {\binom{\lambda_n - 1}{T}}^{-1} \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n: \\ r(Y) = n - l}} {\binom{\lambda_n(Y) - 1}{T}}, \ l \in \overline{0, n}, \ T \in \overline{1, \lambda_n - 1}.$$

(6)

*Proof.* The first equality in (10) is immediate from (4) and the equality

$$D_{n,T} = \binom{\lambda_n - 1}{T} p_{n,0}^{(T)};$$

the second equality in (10) follows from the first one. Inequalities (11) follow from (6) and the first equation in (10); inequalities (12) are obtained by the summation of (11) over  $T \in \overline{1, \lambda_n - 1}$ . Finally, the proof of (13) is similar to the proof of Theorem 1 [1] applying the Moebius inversion formula.

### 3. Asymptotic behavior of the block number distribution in a random equiprobable cover of the lattice $L_n$

Let  $\zeta_n$  denote the random variable equal to the block number in a random equiprobable cover of the lattice  $L_n$ . Let's prove the following theorem generalizing a result from [7].

**Theorem 1.** Suppose that

(14) 
$$\overline{\lim}_{n \to \infty} \lambda^{(n-1)} (\lambda_n)^{-1} < 1,$$

where  $\lambda^{(n-1)}$  is defined by (9). Then

(15) 
$$D_n = 2^{\lambda_n - 1} (1 + o(1)), \ n \to \infty,$$

(16) 
$$\mathbf{P}\{\zeta_n = T\} = \frac{D_{n,T}}{D_n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}(\lambda_n - 1)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x_{n,T})^2}{2}\right\} (1 + o(1)),$$

provided n and T tend to infinity in such a way that

(17) 
$$x_{n,T} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{T - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_n - 1)}{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\lambda_n - 1}} = o(\lambda_n^{\frac{1}{6}}).$$

Under condition (14), the remainder term on the right-hand side of (16) tends uniformly to zero for all T such that  $x_{n,T}$  lies in any fixed finite interval.

*Proof.* First we show that, under assumption (14),

(18) 
$$2^{-(\lambda_n-1)} \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n: \\ r(Y)=n-1}} (2^{\lambda_n(Y)-1}-1) = o(1), \ n \to \infty.$$

Applying the second equality from (1), we obtain

$$\lambda_n = \#L_n = \sum_{k=0}^n W(n,k) > W(n,n-1).$$

Whence and from (14), we have

$$2^{-(\lambda_n-1)} \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n:\\ r(Y)=n-1}} (2^{\lambda_n(Y)-1}-1) < \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n:\\ r(Y)=n-1}} 2^{\lambda_n(Y)} \le 2^{\lambda^{(n-1)}-\lambda_n} W(n,n-1) < \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n:\\ r(Y)=n-1}} 2^{\lambda_n(Y)} \le 2^{\lambda^{(n-1)}-\lambda_n} W(n,n-1) < \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n:\\ r(Y)=n-1}} 2^{\lambda_n(Y)} \le 2^{\lambda^{(n-1)}-\lambda_n} W(n,n-1) < \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n:\\ r(Y)=n-1}} 2^{\lambda_n(Y)} \le 2^{\lambda^{(n-1)}-\lambda_n} W(n,n-1) < \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n:\\ r(Y)=n-1}} 2^{\lambda_n(Y)} \le 2^{\lambda^{(n-1)}-\lambda_n} W(n,n-1) < \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n:\\ r(Y)=n-1}} 2^{\lambda_n(Y)} \le 2^{\lambda^{(n-1)}-\lambda_n} W(n,n-1) < \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n:\\ r(Y)=n-1}} 2^{\lambda_n(Y)} \le 2^{\lambda^{(n-1)}-\lambda_n} W(n,n-1) < \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n:\\ r(Y)=n-1}} 2^{\lambda_n(Y)} \le 2^{\lambda^{(n-1)}-\lambda_n} W(n,n-1) < \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n:\\ r(Y)=n-1}} 2^{\lambda_n(Y)} \le 2^{\lambda^{(n-1)}-\lambda_n} W(n,n-1) < \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n:\\ r(Y)=n-1}} 2^{\lambda_n(Y)} \le 2^{\lambda^{(n-1)}-\lambda_n} W(n,n-1) < \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n:\\ r(Y)=n-1}} 2^{\lambda_n(Y)} \le 2^{\lambda^{(n-1)}-\lambda_n} W(n,n-1) < \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n:\\ r(Y)=n-1}} 2^$$

(19)  $<\lambda_n 2^{\lambda^{(n-1)}-\lambda_n} = 2^{-\lambda_n (1-\frac{\lambda^{(n-1)}}{\lambda_n}-\frac{\log\lambda_n}{\lambda_n})} = o(1), \ n \to \infty.$ 

So equality (18) is proved.

Now, taking into account (12) and (13), we obtain

$$2^{\lambda_n - 1} - 1 - \sum_{T=1}^{\lambda_n - 1} \binom{\lambda_n - 1}{T} B_{n,1}^{(T)} = 2^{\lambda_n - 1} - \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n:\\r(Y) = n - 1}} (2^{\lambda_n(Y) - 1} - 1) \le D_n \le 2^{\lambda_n - 1} - 1.$$

So, applying (18), we arrive at (15).

To prove equality (16), we set

$$\alpha(n,T) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}(\lambda_n - 1)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x_{n,T})^2}{2}\right\}.$$

Then

$$\left|\frac{D_{n,T}}{D_n}\alpha(n,T)^{-1} - 1\right| \le$$

(20) 
$$\leq \left| \frac{D_{n,T}}{D_n} \alpha(n,T)^{-1} - \frac{1}{D_n} \binom{\lambda_n - 1}{T} \alpha(n,T)^{-1} \right| + \left| \frac{1}{D_n} \binom{\lambda_n - 1}{T} \alpha(n,T)^{-1} - 1 \right|.$$

From (11) and (13), we obtain that the augend on the right-hand side of (20) is not greater than

$$\alpha(n,T)^{-1} \frac{1}{D_n} \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n:\\ r(Y)=n-1}} \binom{\lambda_n(Y) - 1}{T} < \alpha(n,T)^{-1} \frac{1}{D_n} \lambda_n 2^{\lambda^{(n-1)}} = \alpha(n,T)^{-1} \lambda_n 2^{\lambda^{(n-1)} - (\lambda_n - 1)} (1 + o(1)), \ n \to \infty$$

[see relations (19) and (15)]. Further, applying (17) and (19), we obtain

$$\alpha(n,T)^{-1}\lambda_n 2^{\lambda^{(n-1)} - (\lambda_n - 1)} = O\left(\exp\left\{-\frac{(x_{n,T})^2}{2}\right\}(\lambda_n)^{\frac{3}{2}} 2^{\lambda^{(n-1)} - \lambda_n}\right) = o(1), \ n,T \to \infty$$

Due to these relations, the augend on the right-hand side of (20) tends to zero as  $n, T \to \infty$ , and this convergence is uniform for all T, for which  $x_{n,T}$  lies in any fixed finite interval.

To estimate the addend on the right-hand side of (20), we employ equality (15) and the Moivre – Laplace local theorem. Thus, we obtain that

$$\left|\frac{1}{D_n} \binom{\lambda_n - 1}{T} \alpha(n, T)^{-1} - 1\right| = o(1), \ n, T \to \infty,$$

where o(1) tends to zero uniformly for all T, for which  $x_{n,T}$  lies in any fixed finite interval. So equality (16) is completely proved, and so is the theorem.

**Corollary.** Under condition (14), the sequence of random variables  $\{\zeta_n : n = 0, 1, ...\}$  is asymptotically normal with parameters  $\frac{1}{2}(\lambda_n - 1), \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\lambda_n - 1}$ :

$$\mathbf{P}\left\{\frac{\zeta_n - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_n - 1)}{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\lambda_n - 1}} \le x\right\} \to \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int\limits_{-\infty}^x e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt, \ n \to \infty.$$

Notice that condition (14) is fulfilled if  $L_n$  is one of the lattices  $B(n), L(n,q), \Re(n+1)$  from Section 1. For B(n), Theorem 1 and its Corollary were earlier obtained by Sachkov [7]. It is evident that, in this case, the limit on the left-hand side of (14) equals 1/2.

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If  $L_n = L(n,q)$ , n = 0, 1, ..., then  $\lambda_n = G_n, \lambda^{(n-1)} = G_{n-1}$ , where  $G_n = \sum_{k=0}^n {n \brack k}_q$ is the total subspace number of the vector space V(n,q) (the Galois number) [6]. In this case, inequality (14) follows from the asymptotic formula [8]

(21) 
$$G_n - 1 = \theta_{n(2)}(q)q^{\frac{n^2}{4}}(1 + O(q^{-\frac{n}{2}})), \ n \to \infty,$$

where n(2) denotes the residue n modulo 2,

(22) 
$$\theta_0(q) = \frac{1}{(q^{-1})_{\infty}} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{-n^2}, \ \theta_1(q) = \frac{1}{(q^{-1})_{\infty}} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{-(n-\frac{1}{2})^2} (q^{-1})_{\infty} = \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} (1-q^{-m}).$$

In the case of  $L_n = \Re(n+1)$ , n = 0, 1, ..., (14) follows from the asymptotic formula for Bell numbers (see, for example, [6, p. 297]).

### 4. PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOR OF THE COVER INDEX OF A FINITE HOMOGENEOUS LATTICE

Let  $\Xi = X_1, X_2, \ldots$  be a sequence of independent random elements of the lattice  $L_n$ .

**Definition 2.** The cover index of the lattice  $L_n$  by elements of the sequence  $\Xi$  is the least  $\theta = \theta(n, \Xi) \in N$  such that

(23) 
$$X_1 \vee \ldots \vee X_{\theta} = 1_n$$

This definition extends the concept of the n-set cover index by its independent random subsets (see [9]).

Taking into account the equality  $\{\theta(n, \Xi) \leq T\} = \{r_{n,T} = 0\}$ , where  $r_{n,T} = n - r(X_1 \vee \ldots \vee X_T)$  is the co-rank of the join of T first elements of the sequence  $\Xi$ , we can to apply the lattice moments method [2] for obtaining the limit distribution of the random sequence  $\theta(n, \Xi)$ .

For any natural n, T and  $l \in \overline{0, n}$ , we set

(24) 
$$B_{n,l}^{(T)} = \sum_{\substack{Y \in L_n:\\r(Y) = n-l}} \mathbf{P}\{X_1 \le Y\} \dots \mathbf{P}\{X_T \le Y\}.$$

**Theorem 2.** Let n and T = T(n) be such that, for any l = 0, 1, ...,

(25) 
$$B_{n,l}^{(T)} \to B_l < \infty, \ n \to \infty.$$

Then, if the series

(26) 
$$B(z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} B_l \chi(z) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} B_l \left( \sum_{k=0}^l w(l,l-k) z^k \right)$$

is uniformly convergent in a neighborhood of zero, then

(27) 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbf{P}\{\theta(n, \Xi) \le T\} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} w(l, l) B_l$$

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 2 in [1] that numbers (24) are equal to the lattice moments of the random variable  $r_{n,T}$ . Thus, expression (27) follows directly from equalities (25) and  $\{\theta(n,\Xi) \leq T\} = \{r_{n,T} = 0\}$  and the statement of Theorem 2 in [2].

Theorem 2 yields the expression for the limit distribution law (as  $n \to \infty$ ) of the subspace lattice cover index of the *n*-dimensional vector space over a field with *q* elements.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\Xi$  be a sequence of independent and equiprobable random subspaces in the vector space V(n,q). Then

(28) 
$$\lim_{\substack{n \to \infty: \\ n \equiv i \pmod{2}}} \mathbf{P}\{\theta(n, \Xi) \le 2\} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1 + C_i}{(-q^{-1/2})_{\infty}} + \frac{1 - C_i}{(q^{-1/2})_{\infty}} \right),$$

where

(29) 
$$i \in \{0,1\}, C_0 = 4q^{-1/2}, C_1 = 1/4q^{1/2}, (x)_\infty = \prod_{m=0}^\infty (1 - xq^{-m}).$$

In addition,

(30) 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbf{P}\{\theta(n, \Xi) \le 3\} = 1.$$

*Proof.* From (24), we get

(31) 
$$B_{n,l}^{(T)} = \begin{bmatrix} n \\ l \end{bmatrix}_q \left(\frac{G_{n-l}}{G_n}\right)^T, \ n, T \in \{1, 2, \dots\}, \ l \in \overline{0, n}.$$

Hence, applying (21), it is easy to obtain that, for T = 3,

$$B_0^{(3)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{n \to \infty} B_{n,0}^{(3)} = 1, B_l^{(3)} = \lim_{n \to \infty} B_{n,l}^{(3)} = 0, \ l = 1, 2, \dots$$

Note that series (26) corresponding to values  $B_l = B_l^{(3)}$ , l = 0, 1, ... is uniformly convergent over the complex plane. Hence, we obtain (30) from (27).

For T = 2, applying (31) and (21), we get

$$B_{n,l}^{(2)} = \frac{q^{-l^2/2}}{(q^{-1})_l} \left(\frac{\theta_{(n-l)(2)}}{\theta_{n(2)}}\right)^2 (1+o(1)), \ n \to \infty, \ l = 0, 1, \dots,$$

Hence, taking into account the equality  $\theta_1(q) = 2q^{-1/4}\theta_0(q)$  emerging from the Jacobi identity (see, for example, [10]), we obtain

$$B_{0,l} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{\substack{n \to \infty:\\ n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}}} B_{n,l}^{(2)} = \frac{q^{-l^2/2}}{(q^{-1})_l}, \text{ if } l \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

(32) 
$$B_{0,l} = 4q^{-1/2} \frac{q^{-l^2/2}}{(q^{-1})_l}, \text{ if } l \equiv 1 (\mod 2),$$

$$B_{1,l} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{\substack{n \to \infty:\\n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}} B_{n,l}^{(2)} = \frac{q^{-l^2/2}}{(q^{-1})_l}, \text{ if } l \equiv 0 (\mod 2),$$

(33) 
$$B_{1,l} = 1/4q^{1/2} \frac{q^{-l^2/2}}{(q^{-1})_l}, \text{ if } l \equiv 0 (\mod 2);$$

As far as series (26) corresponding to each sequence  $\{B_l = B_{i,l} : l = 0, 1, ...\}, i \in \{0, 1\}$ , is uniformly convergent over the whole complex plane, we obtain, by applying (27), the following equalities:

(34) 
$$\lim_{\substack{n \to \infty: \\ n \equiv i \pmod{2}}} \mathbf{P}\{\theta(n, \Xi) \le 2\} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} w(l, l) B_{i,l} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (-1)^l q^{\binom{l}{2}} B_{i,l}, \ i \in \{0, 1\}.$$

Substituting (32), (33), respectively, in (34) and applying the equalities

$$\sum_{\substack{k \ge 0: \\ k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}}} (-1)^k \frac{q^{-k/2}}{(q^{-1})_k} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{(-q^{-1/2})_\infty} + \frac{1}{(q^{-1/2})_\infty} \right),$$
$$\sum_{\substack{k \ge 0: \\ k \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}} (-1)^k \frac{q^{-k/2}}{(q^{-1})_k} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{(-q^{-1/2})_\infty} - \frac{1}{(q^{-1/2})_\infty} \right),$$

following from the identity  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{(q^{-1})_k} = \frac{1}{(t)_{\infty}}, |t| < 1$  (see [10]), we obtain equality (28) after simple transformations.

So, the theorem is proved.

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